

Call for Nominations - Minnigerode Awards for Nursing Excellence

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/United States Public Health Service (PHS)/Professional Advisory Committee for Nursing is seeking nominations for the third annual Minnigerode Awards for Nursing Excellence.

The *Minnigerode Awards for Nursing Excellence* (MANE Awards) are presented by the Chief Nurse Officer (CNO) of the United States Public Health Service (PHS). These awards recognize and honor contributions by nurses of an outstanding and sustained nature, which have had a substantial impact on the mission of the PHS.

The awards will be presented by the Chief Nurse Officer of the United States Public Health Service on May 5, 2000, at the Nursing Recognition Day conference entitled: "Building Bridges: Collaboration, Education and Innovation." The conference is being held at the *Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial Amphitheater* located at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Awards will be presented for nursing excellence in the following five categories:

The McLaughlin Award for Clinical Services,
The Hanzel Award for Administrative Activities,
The Hasselmeyer Award for Research Initiatives,
The Petry-Leone Award for Health Promotion and Education, and
The Gregg Group Award for Teamwork (**NEW**).

Criteria

Nominee(s) must demonstrate, through innovation and creativity, outstanding nursing contributions with measurable benefits in at least one of the following areas:

McLaughlin Award for Clinical Services - Exemplary leadership and skill resulting in noteworthy accomplishments as a clinician over a period of time focusing on the timely and ethical delivery of health care in a direct care setting. The provision of services improve health outcomes and/or services for patients/clients as well as enhance employee and/or patient/client relationships, productivity, quality, work methods and timeliness of health care delivery.

Hanzel Award for Administrative Activities - Exemplary leadership as a nurse executive resulting in noteworthy accomplishments, for example, in the:

- * Management of a health care program;
- * Development or improvement of methods of delivery of services;
- * Enhancement of employee and/or patient/client relationships, productivity, quality, work methods and timeliness of health care delivery;
- * Organization or implementation of a program demonstrating creative utilization of resources; or
- * Development, modification or implementation of health and regulatory policy.

Hasselmeyer Award for Research Initiatives - Exemplary leadership resulting in noteworthy accomplishments in nursing research and clinical investigation which stimulates the development of new knowledge and practice in nursing and the health professions.

Petry Leone Award for Health Promotion and Education - Exemplary leadership resulting in noteworthy accomplishments in patient/client or professional education which informs and educates consumers and/or health care practitioners about significant health related issues and promotes healthy lifestyles.

(New) *Gregg Group Award for Teamwork* - Ellinor D. Gregg was appointed the Director of Nursing Service for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1924. The scope of her work included promoting not only the health aspect of the of the Indian population, but the whole social program. Under her leadership the educational, industrial and economic plans for the Indians was not separated from the health work and each department was strengthened by the soundness of others.

Criteria for Gregg Group Award for Teamwork:

Exemplary leadership contributions by nurse members of a group or team resulting in noteworthy accomplishments and positive outcomes towards the attainment of PHS goals. Examples include:

- Contributions to the health of individuals, families and/ or communities through initiatives implemented at the local, state and/or national level;
- Coordination or participation in the development of new program(s) and/or establishing new standards of care;
- Coordination or participation in the development and/or implementation of interdisciplinary health care initiative(s); or
- Contributions to interdisciplinary efforts (or the work of multiple disciplines) in achieving common health care goals.

Describe the nurse nominees' role on the group or team, the nature of the nursing leadership and participation, and the level of nursing's contribution. Explain how nursing's participation and input enhanced the accomplishments, outcomes and impact of the work done.

Eligibility

Any Department of Health and Human Services nurse(s) (Civil Service or Commissioned Corps; Licensed Practical Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Registered Nurse or Advanced Practice Nurse) may be nominated for a MANE Award.

Nomination Procedure

Anyone may nominate an eligible nurse/team for service that meets the purpose for which these awards have been established. All nominations submitted should:

1. Reflect the degree of impact on the public health mission of the PHS by a nurse (or team of nurses for The Gregg Group Award);
2. Reflect how the nominee(s) exceeds normal performance requirements; and
3. Be copied to the nominees' first line supervisor, and in the case of a commissioned officer(s), to the Operating Division or Program Representative to the Surgeon General's Policy Advisory Council.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Professional Advisory Committee for Nursing (PAC-N) Awards Subcommittee and forwarded to the CNO with recommendations. Final selection and presentation will be made by the CNO. More than one award may be given in each category, but an award in every category may not be given every year. Selection will be based solely on the submitted nominations.

Submissions should include a brief written summary from the nominator identifying the nominee(s) (name, title, operating division or program, address, telephone number and e-mail address) and demonstrate how the contributions meet the criteria of the award for which the individual/team is being nominated. Contact information for the nominator should also be included. Submissions should be limited to two pages.

Submissions must be received by February 28, 2000 and should be sent to:

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If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call CDR Diane Walsh at 301-435-6187.

Get those nominations in! Let's show our appreciation for the many nurses out there who exemplify excellence!